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Dear Ms. Hesse,

I am writing to express my support for the settlement Judge Kollar Kottely is considering to end the US Department of Justice's antitrust suit against Microsoft.

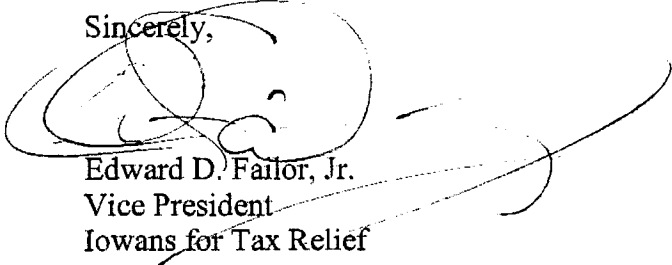
As Vice President of Iowans for Tax Relief, I have monitored the suit against Microsoft from its inception. I stand in stark opposition to my Attorney General Tom Miller's dogged pursuit of it. I believe this case has been a waste of taxpayer dollars at the state and federal level. It has also been an albatross around the neck of the technology industry, making it unattractive to investors and uncertain for companies making long-term decisions.

It is important to the high tech industry, taxpayers and investors to end this case as soon as possible. The settlement that the DOJ, nine states and Microsoft have agreed to is a very good deal for the government and achieves what is most important: ending the lawsuit.

Taxpayers have been bearing the negative impacts of this case from the beginning. They have been funding the suit at the state and federal level -- without their consent. They have seen their retirement funds suffer through the downturn the stock market has taken since the ruling for a breakup of Microsoft was made back in the Spring of 2000.

I urge Judge Kollar Kottely to approve the proposed settlement in this lawsuit in order to stop the needless damage done to American taxpayers throughout this process. Thank you for accepting my comments as part of the court record.

Sincerely,



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